Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in th e application.

Listing of Claims:

     1.   (Currently Amended) A digital image pickup device, comprising:

    an input unit that inputs a photographed digital image;

    a predetermined information detector that detects predetermined information;

    a predetermined information embedding unit that embeds the detected predetermined information in the digital image; and

    a browse restriction applying unit that <u>inquires whether browse restriction is applied or not based upon the detected predetermined information and acquires browse restriction information which is a result of the inquiries, and</u> executes a process for applying browse restriction to the digital image in which the predetermined information is embedded <u>according to the browse restriction information acquired;</u>

    <u>wherein the browse restriction applying unit determines a quantity of a process for applying browse restriction according to encryption intensity defined in the browse restriction information</u>.

    2.   (Cancelled)

    3.   (Original) The digital image pickup device according to Claim 1,

    wherein the predetermined information is a position of a photographer or a position of an object.

    4.   (Original) The digital image pickup device according to Claim 1,

    wherein the predetermined information is electronic informatio n of an object.

    5.   (Original) The digital image pickup device according to Claim 1,

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wherein the predetermined information includes Photography time information.

6.   (Previously Presented) The digital image pickup device according to Claim 1, comprising:

a browse restriction controller that manages a browse restriction determination table for determining whether browse restriction is applied or not,

wherein the browse restriction controller acquires the browse restriction information which is a result of the analysis of whether browse restriction is applied or not is acquired based upon the detected predetermined information using the browse restriction determination table; and

the browse restriction applying unit executes a process for applying browse restriction according to the browse restriction information.

7.   (Original) The digital image pickup device according to Claim 1,

wherein the browse restriction applying unit executes a process for applying browse restriction according to a cipher system defined in the browse restriction information.

8.   (Original) The digital image pickup device according to Claim 7,

wherein the cipher system uses fixed information, positional information of a photographer, positional information of an object, electronic information of the object or any of such information and time information.

9.-30. (Cancelled)

31.   (New) The digital image pickup device according to claim 1,

wherein the browse restriction information is previously stored in the digital image pickup device or is acquired from the outside.